

ious wish to see that department of our government placed upon the best possible footing. Judges who are possessed of violent political party prejudices, are dangerous in any State. In exercising the veto power, conferred upon me by the Constitution, I shall feel constrained, as a general rule, to confine it to arresting the passage of unconstitutional laws, and such laws as are calculated, in my opinion to impair public confidence and embarrass the revenue of the State.

This is not a proper time for me to advert to measures which it may seem to me should be acted upon by the Legislature—that I will do in a short time, in making to you the Communication required of me by the Constitution.

We have this day fully entered the Union of the North American States—let us give our friends who so boldly and nobly advocated our cause, and the friends of American liberty, no reason to regret their efforts in our behalf. Henceforth the prosperity of our sister States will be our prosperity—their happiness our happiness—their quarrels will be our quarrels, and in their wars we will freely participate.

The ceremony being closed by a blessing from the Hon. R. E. B. Baylor, the Senate retired to their Chamber—roll called, and a quorum present.

Senator McKinney offered the following resolution—

Resolved, That the usual facilities within the bar of the Senate, be allowed to such Editors as may desire them. Adopted.

On motion of Senator McKinney the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 9 o'clock A. M.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
FRIDAY, February 20, 1846 }
9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment—President *pro tem.*, in the Chair—roll called, and a quorum present. Journals of the preceding day read and adopted.

Senator McKinney, by leave, introduced a bill, to be entitled An Act authorizing the Governor of the State of Texas to cede all public property, &c., &c. Read 1st time. Senator Phillips moved a suspension of the rule—lost.

Senator Jewett, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the election of two Representatives to the Congress of the United States. Read 1st time.

Senator Williams offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed, to be composed of seven, (one from each of the seven Judicial Districts of the late Republic of Texas,) whose duty it shall be to inquire into the expediency of re-organizing the same.

Resolved further, That His Excellency the Governor, be requested to postpone the nomination of District Judges, until the Legislature shall have fully acted upon the organization of the several Judicial Districts, as required by the Constitution.

Resolved further, That the Secretary transmit to His Excellency the Governor, a copy of these resolutions.

Senator Bourland introduced a bill, to be entitled An Act to promote a methodical transfer of the principal affairs of the Republic of Texas, to the proper authorities of the State of Texas. Read 1st time.

Senator Jewett introduced a bill, to be entitled, An Act creating the County of Leon. Read 1st time.

Senator Scott offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That with the concurrence of the House, the two Houses meet at the Representative Hall, on Saturday next, at 3 o'clock p. m., and go into the election of a Public Printer. Adopted.

On motion of Senator Robinson, the Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met—roll called, and a quorum present.

Senator Phillips introduced a bill, to be entitled, An Act to postpone the holding of the District Courts in the several Judicial Districts. Read 1st time.

Senator Wallace moved to take up a bill, to be entitled, An Act authorizing the Governor of the State to cede all public property, &c. Carried. On motion the rule was suspended—bill read 2d time, and referred to a special committee, composed of Senators Wallace, Cuney, Kinney and McKinney.

Senator Cuney introduced a bill, to be entitled, An Act to authorize the Governor to transfer to the United States all the public property belonging to the Republic of Texas, as provided for in the second section of the Joint Resolution annexing Texas to the United States. Approved the —— March, 1845 - Read 1st time.

On motion of Senator Phillips, the rule was suspended. Read 2d time, and referred to a select committee, composed of Senators Wallace, Cuney, Kinney and McKinney.

Senator McNeel introduced the following bills—a bill, to be entitled, An Act to divide the State into Congressional Districts. Read 1st time. A bill, to be entitled, An Act to provide for the election of Representatives to the Twenty-ninth Congress. Read 1st time.

The President *pro tem.*, of the Senate, announced the following standing committees:

Committee on Finance—Senators Grimes, McKinney and Scott.

Committee on the Judiciary—Senators Hogg, Phillips and Robinson.

Committee on Indian Affairs—Senators Parker, Bourland and Jewett.

Committee on Public Lands—Senators Williams, Wallace and Williamson.

Committee on Military Affairs—Senators Wood, Cuney and Kinney.

Committee on Internal Improvements—Senators McKinney, Bagby and Wallace.

Committee on County Boundaries—Senators Bourland, Miller and Brashear.

Committee on Education—Senators McNeel, Robinson and Williams.

Committee on Privileges and Elections—Senators Wallace, Grimes and Navarro.

Committee on Claims and Accounts—Senators Cuney Bagby and Brashear.

Committee on Printing and Contingent Expenses—Senators Kinney, Williamson and Jewett.

Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills—Senators Scott, McNeel and Miller.

A message from the House, through its Chief Clerk, Mr. James H. Raymond, informing the Senate, that the House had concurred in the resolution to proceed to the election of two Senators to the United States Congress, on Saturday next at 11 o'clock.

Senator Parker introduced a bill, to be entitled, An Act ceding to the United States, jurisdiction over all forts and arsenals. Read 1st time.

On motion of Senator McKinney, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 9 o'clock A. M.